

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please enter the following amended paragraph for the paragraph beginning "Figure 1  
--" on page 30 after the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING.

Figure 1 - The amino acid sequence of human voltage gated sodium channel  $\beta 1A$  subunit (SEQ ID NO:14) aligned with (*A*) the rat voltage gated sodium channel  $\beta 1A$  subunit (SEQ ID NO:15) and (*B*) human voltage gated sodium channel  $\beta 1$  subunit (SEQ ID NO:16) are shown. The overall identity between human and rat VGSC  $\beta 1A$  subunits is about 72%, while the identity of their carboxyl terminal regions is less than 33%. The overall identity of human VGSC  $\beta 1A$  and  $\beta 1$  subunits is 75%, but the identity of their carboxyl terminal regions is less than 17%.